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**The Clothesline Project
Sexual Awareness Month at VA Western New York Healthcare System**

Veterans can participate in “The Clothesline Project” in recognition of Sexual Awareness Month. “The Clothesline Project” is a visual display to raise awareness regarding military sexual trauma, sexual assault, and sexual abuse. All three of these issues affect both genders, in all ranks, in all branches of service.

The events will take place at VA Western New York Healthcare System, in Batavia, Thursday, April 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 222 Richmond Avenue, Building 4, 1st floor, recreation area and in Buffalo Monday, April 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3495 Bailey Avenue in Freedom Hall, room, 301. Both male and female veterans are encouraged to attend this event. Attendees are invited to participate by decorating a t-shirt in a way that reflects his or her experience of sexual trauma and recovery. Supplies will be included for all who wish to participate.

For questions regarding “The Clothesline Project”, military sexual trauma or services available, please contact VA Western New York Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator Emily Pikoff, Ph.D, at (716)862-8751.

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